



Agenda Item Number: 2009-2-11C

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 10, 2009

Department: Commission **Staff Contact:** Orlando Fernandez, Commission Asst., District 4
Becky Alter, 1% for Public Art Program Administrator

TITLE: Arts Board Appointments

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Maryann Weems and Sondra Diepen representing District 4 to the Bernalillo County Arts Board.

SUMMARY:

Bernalillo County Code Chapter 18, Article II created the Arts Board. The Board is comprised of 10 members whose terms shall be for three years. The intent of this Board is to promote and encourage private and public programs to further the development of public awareness of and interest in the arts and cultural properties, to increase employment opportunities in the arts and to encourage the integration of art into the architecture of County structures.

Commissioner Michael Wiener, District 4, requests the appointments of MaryAnn Weems and Sondra Diepen who will serve a 3-year term ending February 10, 2012.

Ms. MaryAnn Weems' received her BS in Fine Arts from Cum Laude. She also has a Teaching Degree in Art from William Woods College in Fulton, MO. Ms. Weem was an Art teacher in the early 70's and obtained a "Professional Art" status from 1972 through 1981. She then opened her art gallery which today is known as "Weems Galleries and Framing" She is also the owner of Weems International Artfest showcasing over 250 fine artists and craftsmen annually at the NM State Fairgrounds. Ms. Weems has been acknowledged locally and nationally for her many contributions to the art industry.

Ms. Diepens' interest in art began with her father's spectacular slides of Anasazi ruins and the sandstone cliffs of Glen Canyon which she was never tired of seeing. By the early '60's she traveled on her own to experience firsthand the sculpted shapes and the vibrant colors of the Southwest. She felt that if there are "past lives" then she had lived in the canyons of Utah or on the high desert of New Mexico, making pottery or creating pictographs in the shadow of an overhang. She loves the vast landscape and the delicate detail that nature provides. Ms. Diepen is a graduate of the University of California with a BA and MA in Fine Arts. She has many collections around New Mexico and has been involved in many Exhibits and has received many awards for her many contributions in art.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resumes
2. Roster